

Message Text

PAGE 01 PHNOM 10230 241211Z

43

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /026 W

----- 044820

R 241110Z SEP 73

FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3122

INFO COMUSSAG

CINCPAC

SECDEF WASHDC

CJCS

AMEMBASSY MANILA

S E C R E T PHNOM PENH 10230

EXDIS

MANILA FOR EALV

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN, PINS, PFOR, CB, US

SUBJECT: E&E PLANS FOR KEY INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL

1. AFTER REVIEWING IN DETAIL POSSIBLE PROBLEMS IN THE SELECTION, NOTIFICATION AND MOVEMENT OF KEY INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR EVACUATION PLAN, WE HAVE DECIDED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL EVACUEES IN THIS CATEGORY FROM 85 TO 50. FOLLOWING IS THE BASIS FOR THIS DECISION.

2. SELECTION OF KIP WAS ORIGINALLY BASED ON THREE CRITERIA:

(A) THOSE WHOSE CAPTURE, TRAIL AND POSSIBLE EXECUTION WOULD RESULT IN GREAT POLITICAL EMBARRASSMENT TO THE UNITED STATES;

(B) THOSE WHO ARE IN POSITIONS FROM WHICH THEY COULD SIGNIFICANTLY ASSIST (OR HINDER) THE EVACUATION OF AMERICANS; AND

(C) THOSE WHO MIGHT PROVE OF FUTURE USE TO THE UNITED STATES.

SECRET

PAGE 02 PHNOM 10230 241211Z

WE HAVE NOW DECIDED TO ELIMINATE THE LAST CATEGORY BECAUSE IT IS DIFFICULT TO ARRIVE AT A CUT-OFF LINE FOR THIS GROUP, BECAUSE NOTIFICATION OF THOSE INCLUDED IN THE PLAN WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY LEAD, DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS,

TO THEIR INFORMING COLLEAGUES WHO ARE NOT INCLUDED, AND BECAUSE ASSEMBLING LARGE GROUPS OF NOTABLES WITH THEIR ATTENDANT BODYGUARDS COULD POSE SERIOUS SECURITY PROBLEMS JEAPORDIZING THE ENTIRE EVACUATION OPERATION.

3. WITHIN THE FIRST CATEGORY OF KIP WE PLAN TO INCLUDE ONLY THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL, FORMER PRIME MINISTER SON NGOC THANH, FANK COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ, AND THE PRIME MINISTER AT THAT TIME, IF NOT OTHERWISE INCLUDED, ALONG WITH THEIR WIVES AND MINOR CHILDREN. THESE LEADERS HAVE CONSISTENTLY FIGURED ON SIHANOUK'S DEATH LIST. WITHIN THE SECOND CATEGORY, WE WOULD ENVISION THE POSSIBLE NEED OF EVACUATING THE NATIONAL GENDARMERIE COMMANDER, THE COMMANDER OF THE PHNOM PENH SPECIAL REGION AND PERHAPS THE COMMANDER OF THE PHNOM PENH GARRISON ALONG WITH THEIR WIVES AND MINOR CHILDREN.

4. ALTHOUGH OUR PLANS FOR NOTIFYING, ASSEMBLING AND MOVING KIPS HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE THE POSSIBILITY OF THEIR BRINGING WITH THEM RETAINERS AND BODYGUARDS, WE CAN ENVISAGE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO DENY TRANSPORTATION TO A SMALL NUMBER OF SUCH INDIVIDUALS. WE THEREFORE HAVE ARRIVED AT A FIGURE OF 50 SEATS FOR KIP, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE IN ADDITION TO THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE A SMALL NUMBER OF OTHER CAMBODIAN TO WHOM WE HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING US IF YOU BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT LIMIT KIP TO THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE.
ENDERS

SECRET

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic DecapTIONing: Z
Capture Date: 10 MAY 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: EVACUATION PLANS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 24 SEP 1973
DecapTION Date: 28 MAY 2004
DecapTION Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973PHNOM10230
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: P750011-1897
From: PHNOM PENH
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730963/abqcegbp.tel
Line Count: 89
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 NOV 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20-Nov-2001 by shawdg>; APPROVED <21-Dec-2001 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: E&E PLANS FOR KEY INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL
TAGS: OGEN, PINS, PFOR, AEMR, CB, US
To: STATE INFO COMUSSAG
CINCPAC
SECDEF
CJCS
MANILA
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

